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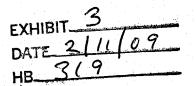
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This is our performance audit of the permitting function of the Opencut Mining Program within the Department of Environmental Quality. Findings and recommendations address a wide range of issues related to how the department permits opencut mines including the timeliness of issuing permits, improving management information, and operating more efficiently.

We wish to express our appreciation to department personnel, as well as stakeholders, for their cooperation and assistance during this audit.

Respectfully submitted

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